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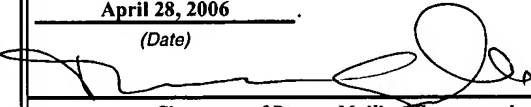
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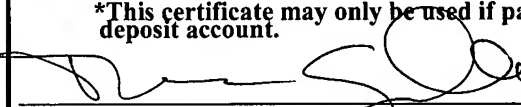
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. International PCT Patent Publication No. WO 97/41776, dated November 13, 1997.

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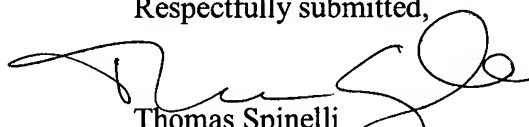
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The reference was cited in a Search Report dated March 1, 2006 received from the European Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited reference, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified reference has been described in the Search Report.

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